

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SERGIO TORRES,

Plaintiff,

v.

TAQUERIA EL TACO NACO, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01989-DAD-CSK

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On December 17, 2024, the Court granted Defendant Jorge Garcia's second motion for an extension of time to obtain legal counsel to represent himself and Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco.¹ (ECF No. 13.) Defendant Garcia was granted 60 days from the service of the order to obtain legal representation for himself and Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco. (*Id.*) Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco was also ordered to file a response to the Complaint within 60 days from the date of the Court's order. (*Id.*) To date, Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco has failed to file a response to the Complaint as required by the Court's December 17, 2024 Order. See Docket. Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco has also failed to retain counsel, despite being instructed of the requirement and being granted multiple extensions to do so. See Docket. Defendant

¹ This matter proceeds before the undersigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, Fed. R. Civ. P. 72, and Local Rule 302(c).

1 Garcia, as an individual, is permitted to proceed pro se and has not yet obtained
2 counsel. See Docket.

3 Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco is an entity, and as such, must be represented
4 by an attorney and may not appear in this action without counsel. See E.D. Cal. Local
5 Rule 183(a) ("A corporation or other entity may appear only by an attorney."); *Caveman*
6 *Foods, LLC v. jAnn Payne's Caveman Foods, LLC*, 2015 WL 6736801, at *2 (E.D. Cal.
7 Nov. 4, 2015) ("While individuals may appear in propria persona, corporations and other
8 entities may appear only through an attorney; an unrepresented entity cannot file any
9 pleadings, make or oppose any motions, or present any evidence to contest liability.").
10 Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco is ordered to show cause within thirty (30) days from
11 the date of this order why default should not be entered against it for failure to respond
12 to the Complaint and failure to appear in this action. As an entity, Defendant Taqueria El
13 Taco Naco must be represented by counsel to participate in this action.

14 Accordingly, within thirty (30) days from the date of this order, Defendant Taqueria
15 El Taco Naco shall show cause in writing why default should not be entered against it for
16 its failure to respond to the Complaint and failure to appear in this action. After
17 Defendant Taqueria El Taco Naco retains counsel, its counsel shall immediately file a
18 notice of appearance and a written response to this order to show cause, no later than
19 within thirty (30) days of this order.

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21 Dated: May 27, 2025

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24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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